

Utility Patent
Ser. No. 10/724,541

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction, the applicants elect for further examination the invention construed by the Examiner to be set forth in Group I, claims 1-12 and 18-21 of the application.

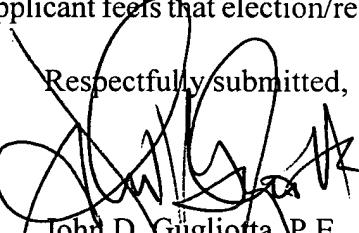
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The examiner requests restriction of the claims and election of a species even though the examiner states that both groups are related as process of making and product made. The examiner has failed to provide an explanation as to whether the species claimed herein represent a different field of search. M.P.E.P. 808.02.

In fact, all claims of the application are directed to vibration damping in turbine generation set. Applicant suggests that each embodiment shown, described, and claimed represent solutions to common motivation, and therefore all incorporate species that have a close relationship to one another in design, operation, and effect. M.P.E.P. 802.01.

Unless the examiner claims that no references drawn from Class 29, subclass 596 could be used to anticipate claims 1-12 or 18-21, then the applicant feels that election/restriction is improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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